

Two-pole fishing opportunities (UPDATED)

The department is seeking public input on the implementation of a two-pole endorsement **in Marine Area 11 during the months of December and February through April**. WDFW will only consider the endorsement where catch numbers and impacts to stocks of concern are both low.

Recreational anglers in Puget Sound have limited opportunities to fish with two poles. Currently, two-pole endorsements are only permitted for salmon fishing in the Tulalip summer fishery (implemented in 2012), Sinclair Inlet summer fishery (2013), and Area 13 year-round (2014). The same daily limits apply regardless if an angler fishes with one or two poles. Dockside sampling data analyzed from 2012-2015 determined that an 8% increase in catch occurs where the two-pole endorsement is in use.